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SUBJ: 61ST ECOSOC: HEADQUARTERS FOR THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION
FOR WEST ASIA

1. RESUMED 61ST ECOSOC MET ON OCTOBER 18 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WEST ASIA (ECWA) AT BAGHDAD, IRAQ, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISION TAKEN AT THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF ECWA. DRAFT RESOLUTION (TEXT TRANSMITTED BELOW) TO THIS EFFECT SUBMITTED BY PAKISTANN AND DEMOCRATIC YEMEN. IRAQI OBSERVER (AMBASSADOR KITANI) REVIEWED THE HISTORY OF THIS RESOLUTION, EMPHASIZED THAT THE ECWA DECISION WAS BASED ON THE MERITS OF THE PROPOSAL AND NOT ON "EXTERNAL" CONSIDERATION (I.E. LEBANESE SECURITY SITUATION) AND ASKED FOR IMMEDIATE APPROVAL. THE LEBANESE OBSERVER (AMBASSADOR GHORRA) MADE AN EMOTIONAL APPEAL FOR A DELAY IN TAKING A DECISION ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE UNSTABLE POLITICAL SITUATION IN LEBANON HAD PREVENTED THEM FROM ADEQUATELY DEVELOPING THEIR PROPOSAL THAT THE ECWA HEADQUARTERS BE LOCATED IN LEBANON. THE GREEK REPRESENTATIVE SUPPORTED LEBANON TO THE

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EXTENT OF SUGGESTING A DELAY IN ECOSOC ACTION. FOLLOWING IN-

FORMAL CONSULTATIONS, ECOSOC PRESIDENT AKE ANNOUNCED THAT ECOSOC WOULD MEET AT THE EARLIEST ON OCTOBER 25 AND AT THE LATEST ON OCTOBER 27 TO TAKE A DECISION.

2. THE RESUMED ECOSOC WILL MEET ON OCTOBER 25 TO CONSIDER CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES (E/L 1737), REPORT OF COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN (E/5894, E/L 1740, UNIDO, UN SPECIAL FUND, AND SUDAN SAHELIAN REPORT. POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING INCLUDE ECWA HEADQUARTERS (SEE ABOVE) AND THE SELECTION OF THE ILLICIT PAYMENTS WORKING GROUP (IF AGREEMENT ON THE SIZE AND COMPOSITION IS REACHED).

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REGIONAL CO-OPERATION

DEMOCRATIC YEMEN AND PAKISTAN: DRAFT RESOLUTION

PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIS

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA ON ITS SECOND SPECIAL SESSION 1/ AND, IN PARTICULAR, RESOLUTION 35 (S-II) CONTAINED THEREIN,

1. DECIDES TO ESTABLISH THE PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMISSION AT BAGHADA, IRAQ;

2. FURTHER DECIDES TO ADD THE FOLLOWING PROVISION AS THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMISSION CONTAINED IN COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1818 (LV) OF 9 AUGUST 1973:

"13. THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE LOCATED AT BAGHDAD, IRAQ."

1/ OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,
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